

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-12 will remain pending in the above-identified application and stand ready for further action on the merits. Claims 6-7 have been amended. The amendments made herein to the specification and claims are merely to correct typographical errors, calculation errors, and/or nomenclature errors and do not introduce new matter into the application as originally filed, and do not raise any new issues that would require further consideration or search on the Examiner's part. Likewise, the scope of the claims is not changed by way of the instant amendment to claim 6, wherein a simple hyphen “-“ is removed after the word “substituted”.

If it is determined that the above-identified amendments will not be entered, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 referencing docket no. 0283-0220PUS1.

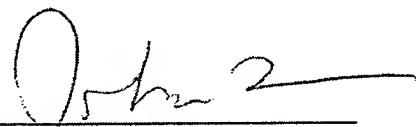
CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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